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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Oral *Ex Parte* Communication
CC Dockets 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

On Wednesday, November 12, 2003, Scott Bergs on behalf of Midwest Wireless, along with undersigned counsel, on behalf of the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers ("ARCC"), met with Paul Garnett, Bill Scher, Tom Buckley, Cara Voth and Larry Stevens (telephonically), to discuss the ongoing Joint Board proceeding in the above-referenced docket.

We discussed uses of support, controlling fund growth, portability of support, and disaggregation of support. The positions taken were consistent with papers previously filed with the Commission by the ARCC. We also discussed the need for prompt Commission action on pending petitions for service area redefinition from various states and in particular how consumers in southern Minnesota are being harmed by the delay. A copy of the materials distributed at the meeting are enclosed.

Sincerely,

/s/

David A. LaFuria

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